

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) 51,657.

(b) 60.99 million Cft.

(c) 77,800.

(d) About a mile each except Thazhakudi which is 3 miles distant.

(e) Pipe water is supplied to Bhoothapandy. Other villages are served by wells.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI : May I know whether the Government will take it from me that the villages excepting Bhoothapandy and Thazhakudy are only two miles from the main pipe line?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : They are within one mile.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI : May I know whether the Government are aware that the water in these villages is brackish and that the people depend upon tank water for drinking? Will they consider the feasibility of extending the pipe line from Mukkadai?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : - Mukkadai water does not suffice even for Nagercoil.

Mallappally Bridge.

62. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state when the construction of the Mallappally Bridge will be started and what progress they have so far made in the execution of the scheme?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know whether the Chief Engineer would give us an idea as to when this bridge will be taken up for construction?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Some time next year. We have begun the investigations.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether there is not adequate budget provision in the next year's budget for the construction of this bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : In the hope that we will be able to get through, we have made a provision,

Construction of bridges over the Neyyar.

63. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have not been made for the construction of a bridge over the Neyyar at—

(i) Mandapathu Kadavu,

(ii) Mampazhakarai, and

(iii) Poovar;

(b) if so, what action has been taken;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the serious handicaps to the ryots in the matter of travel and transporting their goods to market places?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) Yes.

(b) (i) Not taken up for want of funds.

(ii) Will be considered after the road work has been completed.

(iii) This is under consideration.

(c) No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: With regard to part (c) may I know whether there is no difficulty for the ryots to reach the market places?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not follow the honourable member.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any difficulty for the ryots to reach important markets?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is quite possible. There are quite a lot of places which are out of the way.

The bridges at Munnattumukku.

64. ***MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the condition of the following bridges is unsafe;

(a) the bridge at Munnattumukku over rivulet called Thettiyar in Sreekariam-Kazhakootam road;

(b) the bridge at Vilavoor Kal in Pappenamcode-Kottoor road; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to renovate these bridges?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

Parur Municipality.

65. ***MR. P. O. THOMAS (Kunnatnad cum Parur):** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representations from Parur Municipality for sanction of any scheme of town improvement proposed and decided by the Municipal Council;

(b) if so, whether sanction has been accorded by the Government; and

(c) if not, what the reason for the same is?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (Secretary to Government): (a) No

(b) and (c) do not arise in view to the answer to part (a).

Municipal Council, Kottayam.

66. ***MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY:** Will the Government be pleased:

(a) to state the total number of nominated members in the Municipal Council, Kottayam, and when the above Council was first constituted; and

(b) to lay on the table a statement by caste of the present members of the Council?